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A list of the patents and/or publications is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the items listed on Form PTO-1449 is supplied herewith. A concise explanation of each item listed on Form PTO-1449 is provided as follows:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,179,025 to Sutton (2001). This patent discloses a purse or small pouch 11 being inserted into a carrying case 12 (Fig. 1). Pouch 11 has snap fasteners on its exterior front and back walls (Fig. 2a). These fasteners engage corresponding fasteners on the inside walls of case 12, to secure pouch 11 in case 12.

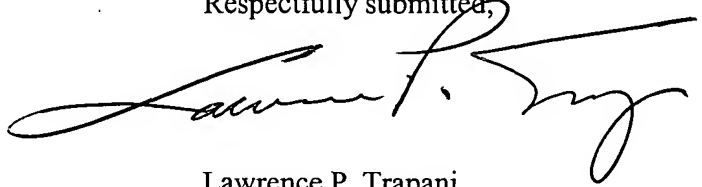
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,161,979 to Yamamoto, et al (2000). This patent discloses a combination ring binder compartment and general purpose storage compartment (See Figs. 7 and 8).
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,017,062 to White (2000). This patent discloses a combination ring binder day planner compartment and photo album compartment (See Figs. 2 and 3).
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,557 to Derelanko (2000). This patent discloses auxiliary carry bags for a briefcase. The carry bags snap together around the briefcase (See Figs. 7a-7b, 8 and 9). Snaps 105 and 107 engage a corresponding set of snaps on straps of another carry bag (see. Fig. 7b).
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,954,170 to Chisholm (1999). This patent discloses a ring binder organizer and accordion file (See Figs. 5 and 6).
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,489,021 to Wallingford (1996). This patent discloses a ring binder handbag including an external flap that contains removably mounted pouches and purses (See Figs. 4, 5 and 6A-6C).
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,907,634 to Yoo (1990). This patent discloses a wallet organizer having a removable billfold 84. Billfold 84 is held in a folded state (see Fig. 4) by use of snap fasteners 86 and 94. When billfold 84 is placed in the wallet organizer, the snap fastener 86 engages complementary snap fastener 44, to secure the billfold to the organizer (Fig. 3).
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,257,463 to Monaco (1981). This patent discloses a handbag 12 removably attached to a larger carry bag 11. Handbag 12 is attached to larger bag 11 by use of snaps 27 (See Figs. 1 and 8).
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,250,938 to Siegel (1981). This patent discloses a handbag 170 (See Figs. 9-11) that includes an insertable cosmetic organizer 120. The organizer's flap closure 132 includes a snap fastener 140 that engages a corresponding fastener 145 on the handbag to secure the organizer in the handbag. The handbag includes a flap closure 172 that has a snap fastener which engages a corresponding fastener on a tab extending from the bottom of the handbag (see Figs. 10 & 11).
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,192,365 to Siegel (1980). This patent discloses a handbag including a purse which snaps into the handbag (See Figs. 5, 6 and 4).
11. U.S. Patent No. D227,818 to Dipadova (1973). This patent discloses a briefcase with a detachable purse.

12. PCT No. PCT/US00/07210 to Moor, et al. (2000). This patent discloses a combination of a ring binder and an expandable or gusset pocket associated with a cover of the ring binder (Figs. 1 & 2). The pocket functions as a general purpose file folder.

The references discussed above neither disclose nor suggest the inventive aspects of the invention claimed in the instant application. It is respectfully submitted that this application differentiates over the above and that the application is in condition for examination and early allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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